Lesson 3

Please, Thank You, and You’re Welcome! (15 pts.)

*(the magic words, in any language)*

When you make new acquaintances, and even new friends, in your host country, it is important that you treat **everyone** you meet with respect and courtesy, in order to establish a good rapport (huh?) and to make a good impression as an American in your host country.

Here is your task:

**First, log on to:** [**www.survivalphrases.com**](http://www.survivalphrases.com)

**Second, select the language of your culture.**

**Third, find the lesson for “Getting What You Want”.**

**Finally, download the PDF file to read while you click on the Audio file to listen to your lesson.**

**Answer the following questions. Don’t forget to upload all three sets of audio files and worksheets to the WIKI when finished!**

1. How do you say “Please” in your host culture? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_qǐng\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Are there any other ways to say “Please”? When are they used? List them here:

\_\_\_\_\_\_No there is only one.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Are there any special situations where the word or phrase for “Please” can be used? (hint: check for “Quick Tips”)

\_\_\_\_\_\_No there aren’t any special situations. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***(continue on to do the lesson on “Thank you.”)***

**Find the lesson for “Thank you.”**

**Download the PDF file to read while you listen to the Audio file for your lesson.**

**Answer the following questions once you have finished your lesson**:

1. What is the expression for “Thank you.” In your host culture? \_\_\_\_\_Xiè xie nǐ.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Name at least three situations where you should respond with “Thank you” in your host culture:

When thanking a host for their hospitality. When accepting a compliment. When you have been given something.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Are there any other special expressions for special situations? What are they? For example, are there sometimes when you need to be more respectful? Does it depend upon whether you know the person or not?

\_\_\_Even our English “thanks” translates in china to thank you.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. How do you express a degree of thankfulness in your host culture (for example, “Thank you very much!)? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Duō xiè. Translates to thank you so much or much thanks.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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***(continue on to do the lesson on “You’re welcome!”)***

**Find the lesson for “You’re welcome!”**

**Download the PDF file to read while you click on the Audio file to listen to your lesson.**

**Answer the following questions once you have finished your lesson**:

1. Is there a universal (appropriate for all situations) way to say “You’re welcome!” in your host country? What is it? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Bú kèqì

What are some of the situations where you can use it? (hint: check “Quick Tips”)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Can be used as a response to thank you.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Is there a more formal way to say “You’re welcome!” in your host country? What is it?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Bú yòng xiè.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What are any other ways to say “You’re welcome!”? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Bú yòng xiè. This means “no thanks needed.”\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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***(Looking ahead: Your next lesson will be on how to introduce yourself and to ask for someone else’s name)***